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Dear Sir:

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting at line 10 of page 1 by the following new paragraph: --This application claims benefit under Title 35, United States Code §119(e) of United States provisional application number 60/228,914 filed August 29, 2000, U.S. provisional application number 60/197,089 filed April 14, 2000, and U.S. provisional application number 60/175,849 filed January 13, 2000. The present invention relates generally to the identification and isolation of novel DNA and to the recombinant production of novel polypeptides having sequence similarity to murine Stra6, a retinoic acid responsive protein. Some of these